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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., phase of investigation.

Enclosed herewith is one Xerox copy each of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by SA [redacted] at Memphis, Tenn., and an FD-302 dated 4/7/68 reflecting interview of Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel.

[redacted] San Francisco, California, and [redacted] or [redacted] Kansas City, checked into the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., at 2:38 p.m. on 4/4/68 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/68. [redacted] and [redacted] were immediately transported to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport via Yellow Cab.

Two individuals believed to be identical with [redacted] and [redacted] based on the Memphis PD investigation and time element concerning flights leaving Metropolitan Airport, furnished Delta Airlines personnel at Metropolitan Airport names of [redacted] and [redacted] no addresses, departed Memphis via Delta Airlines flight # 157 nonstop to Houston, Texas, at 1:57 a.m., 4/5/68 with a scheduled arrival time, Houston, at 2:50 a.m. same date. Tickets for the flight were purchased just prior to departure time and since no reservations

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were made, these names were merely added to the passenger manifest and no addresses were obtained. Efforts to locate this manifest to date have been negative.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City and San Francisco Divisions determined that the addresses furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] at the William Len Hotel were nonexistent. These Divisions as well as Houston and Memphis have been unable to identify [redacted], or [redacted] through contact with airline personnel, transportation drivers, motel and hotel clerks, credit and criminal checks, and through a review of street and telephone directories in the pertinent cities involved.

The FBI Laboratory developed six latent fingerprints of value on Q349 which was the William Len Hotel registration card of [redacted] and five latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q350 which was the registration card for [redacted]

The FBI Identification Division developed [redacted] FBI # [redacted] as a suspect possibly identical with [redacted] who registered at the William Len Hotel. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI, Identification Division, has advised that the latent prints developed on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted] FBI # [redacted] The FBI Laboratory has also advised that the handwriting appearing on Q349 and Q350 is not identical with the handwriting of [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

The William Len Hotel personnel advised that this [redacted] is not identical with [redacted] or [redacted] who registered at the hotel on 4/4/68. [redacted] FBI # [redacted], was interviewed by a BuAgent on 6/12/68 at St. Louis, Mo., and denied being in Memphis or ever flying via commercial airlines. Driver for the Yellow Cab Company transporting [redacted] and [redacted] to Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, advised that a photograph of [redacted] FBI # [redacted] is definitely not identical with either of the two individuals that he transported to the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, in the early a.m. of 4/5/68.

The Yellow Cab Company driver, William Len Hotel employees, and Delta Airlines employees advise that JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with the two individuals that they had dealings with in Memphis on 4/4-5/68.

Although it is agreed that [redacted] and [redacted] departed the Memphis area in a somewhat suspicious manner on 4/5/68, many visitors and residents, immediately after KING was killed, departed the Memphis area by any means of transportation available due to the real existence of fear of the riot as a result of KING's killing. The Memphis Division conducted investigation regarding numerou persons who left the area after KING's killing and [redacted] and [redacted] were merely two individuals of the large number of individuals who were under investigation as suspects prior to the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, and subsequent identification of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

Due to the manner in which [redacted] and [redacted] departed the Memphis area and the lack of luggage at the time of their arrival and departure, it is believed that [redacted] and [redacted] were "running from something," possibly law enforcement and/or were in the city of Memphis for some type of illegal activity.

Since [redacted] and [redacted] furnished nonexistent addresses in San Francisco and Kansas City, Kansas, and it is believed that they actually changed names while in Memphis, it is not believed that any of the names used in Memphis by these individuals would be their true identities.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted or directed by the Memphis Division concerning the William Len Hotel phase in this matter.